

College Week

February 23 – March 1

Don't forget to get your COVID test! Testing is open in the Commons Atrium, 9am–3pm Monday–Friday.

Announcements

Community Forum on Student Self-Governance

A community forum on student self-governance will be held this Friday, February 25 from 12:30–1:30pm in Tishman. Students will be leading this and discussing their work on self-governance.

Bennington College Parking

As a reminder, parking on first, second, and third street is prohibited as these streets are fire lanes. These areas must remain open for emergency vehicles like fire trucks, fuel deliveries, trash service and snow plowing. Any unregistered cars parked on these streets will be towed at the owner's expense. Registered vehicles will be towed to the Ohio lot and the tow charge will be placed on the student's account.

Bennington College Guest COVID Vaccination Protocol

To enter into a building on campus, visitors need to be vaccinated and are asked to fill out the [visitor form](#) -- ideally at least 24 hours before they arrive on campus. Visitors who have not completed this form will be asked to show their vaccination card before entering any campus buildings.

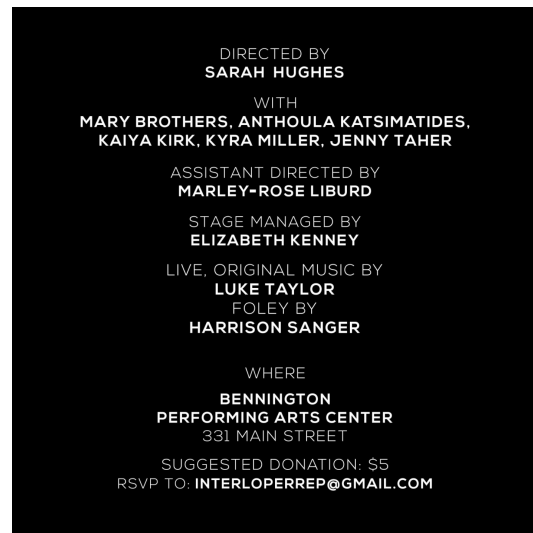
Review/Update Your Contact Information

Please review the contact information we have on record for you and make any updates necessary to your parent/guardian, emergency, or missing person contact information through the [Contact Information Update form](#). Once you press submit, this information will update Populi automatically.

Were you elected as a SEPC class rep or alternate?

If so, please fill out [this](#) quick and easy form before February 25. Thank you!

Events



Validly Undefined: Bodies, Catharsis, and Reflection in Black Women's Media Production

[Virtual Event on Thursday, February 27 6:30–7:30pm](#)

Cognizant of histories in which Black women's bodies were not legally considered 'their own,' and of media systems that continue to widely discount and hypersexualize Black women characters, this presentation examines why and how some Black women media-makers choose to practice methods and create works that intentionally center their bodies – albeit on differently rationalized terms. In fact, many Black women media-makers weave reflections on self and society into their production processes, using 'making' itself as means to make better sense of powerful lived experiences by transforming them into more outwardly coherent forms: here, media visuals, audio, plotlines, techniques, and/or aesthetics. Overall, this presentation analyzes constructed spaces and acts of media production as sites of catharsis, reflection and internal dialogue.

Bio: A 2009 Mellon Mays Fellow and 2014 NSF Graduate Research Fellow, Marlaina Martin earned her Ph.D. in Anthropology from Rutgers University in May 2019. Martin's research interests include critical race studies, body and embodiment studies, Black feminist theory, and anthropologies of race, gender, and media. Martin's book-in-progress *Visionary: Erasure, Navigation and Imagining among Black Women Media-Makers* examines learning, negotiating, and community-building practices of NYC-based Black women independent media-makers. She held a 2019–2020 Visual Culture Postdoctoral Fellow with The Phillips Collection and University of Maryland, College Park's Department of Anthropology before transitioning into the latter with the Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship that she currently holds.

Series: Science Workshop

Title: Student FWT Experiences

Date: 2/25/22

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Dickinson 232

URL: Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/Bennington-Sci-Workshop>

More Info: Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science students will be discussing their FWT experiences.

Speaker: Diana Kamin, PhD

Title: Algorithmic Aesthetics and the Origins of Stock Photography

Date: 3/2/22

Time: 6:30pm

URL: Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/mpfxm3r>

More Info: This talk explores the origins of the commoditized stock photograph in the United States through the example of stock photography pioneer H. Armstrong Roberts. In the stock photography industry that Roberts helped to develop in the 1920s, logics of scale, narrative compression, and the pressures of storage and retrieval produced a particular aesthetic and systems of classification that continue to define the economy of image exchange today, with implications from meme culture to surveillance and facial recognition. Roberts's stock photographs serve as early examples of an algorithmically-determined aesthetic, where the algorithm that produces the image is not implemented by computer but, instead, via a set of codified business and photographic practices and an understanding of the photographic image as content available for distribution.

Auditions

Dance Auditions will be held in person on February 24 at 7:00pm in the Martha Hill Dance Theater.

This audition is for all students interested in making dance work and for students interested in performing in the work of their peers. For the audition, students will participate in a guided warm-up followed by movement structures and/or phrases offered by student choreographers. Subsequently, students may be invited by the student choreographers to join in their projects, but are not obligated to do so. Please wear comfortable clothing and join for fun.

DRAMA Audition Information Spring 2022

Each show will be cast from the same audition. Sign up for a slot on the drama hallway board.

There will be an optional [audition workshop](#) on February 21st @7pm in D207 led by Jenny Rohn which is highly recommended.

Dates

Thursday (2/17): Drama Info Session @7PM (Zoom)

Link: bit.ly/dramainfosessions22)

Monday (2/21): Audition Workshop @7PM

Thursday (2/24): Auditions Begin (Evening)

Friday (2/25): Auditions, cont. (Evening)

Requirements

- 1 Monologue (Rehearsed, memorization encouraged but not required)
- Sign up for an audition time slot (Found on the drama bulletin board)
- Audition Form (Found in the Drama Conference Room)

OPTION: Non-English monologues! Start with a brief verbal synopsis

Virtual Office Hours

All hours are EST.

STUDENT LIFE OFFICE

Dr. Li-Chen Chin: Dean of Student Life, open office hour: Thursdays 12:30–2pm, [email](#) for an appointment.

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

Christine Congelosi–Lulla Interim Assistant Director of Residential Life, [email](#) for an appointment.

OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Drew Hutchinson: Assistant Director of Student Engagement, Clubs & Orgs., [email](#) for an appointment.

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE & INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Kate Child: Associate Dean for Academic Services

On Campus: Monday & Thursday

Wednesdays: 12:00 – 1:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Fridays: 1:00 – 2:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Rage Hezekiah: Associate Director of Academic and International Student Services

M: 2:00–3:00pm EST – [Zoom Open Hour](#)

T: 9:00am–10:00am EST – [Zoom Open Hour](#)

W: 10:30–11:30am EST – [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Th: 1:00pm – 2:00pm EST – [Zoom Open Hour](#)

F: 9:00am – 10:00am EST – [Zoom Open Hour](#)

ISS Intern Open Hours

Kunlek:

TBD

Iva:

TBD

Desire:

TBD

Malvika:

TBD

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Katy Young Evans: Director of Academic Services

Mondays, Fridays 10:00–11:00 am [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Tuesdays 1:00–2:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Thursday 4:00–5:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Noelle Everett Murphy: Associate Dean of the College

Mondays, 9:00–10:00 am – [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Fridays 12:00–1:00 pm – [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Jennifer Burg: Assistant Director of Academic Services and Student Grants
Counselor

[Monday through Friday from 10:30am – 11:30am](#)

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Dr. Maurice Hall, Provost: Contact [Kelly Hayes](#) to schedule an appointment.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Laura Walker: President, please contact [Shannon Howlett](#) to schedule a private appointment.

We welcome invitations for President Walker to join events being hosted by students. We'd love to hear from you! If you have an event you'd like for President Walker to attend, please contact [Shannon Howlett](#) to coordinate.

Alfredo Medina, Jr., Ph.D.,: Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and College Diversity Officer, open office hours on Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm in Barn 101. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment please [email](#).

Xiomara Giordano: Associate Director of the Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

Fridays, 9:00–10:00 am [Zoom Open Hour](#) or to schedule an appointment please [email](#).

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Ali Tartaglia: Director of Student Health Promotion, [email](#) for an appointment or call or text, 24/7, 802–440–4444.

Kat Daley, LICSW: Interim Director of Psychological Services, email psychservices@bennington.edu to receive a link to schedule a triage appointment if you want to get connected with counseling services or to reserve a drop in session for more immediate support available everyday between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

Student Life Updates

New Hires

- Bailey Fox '21 (she/her), Student Life Coordinator

Bailey was a House Chair in Kilpatrick and took on the role of Student Life Coordinator this February. She provides administrative support to the Dean of

Student Life in the management of the Student Life units, and serves as the first point of contact for the Office of Student Life for all inquiries, program initiatives, and operations.

- Christine Congelosi-Lulla (she/her), Interim Assistant Director for Housing Operations

Christine manages the day to day operations of the houses and Paran Creek Apartments, including generating housing assignments, coordinating early arrival, late departure, and Winter Break/Field Work Term/Summer Break housing, collaborating with Buildings and Grounds, Campus Safety, and Information Technology, addressing facilities concerns, and resolving student issues.

- Jayme David Lobo (he/him), Assistant Director for Residential Life

David started on February 22 and he is responsible for supervision of the House Chairs, including the recruitment and selection, training and development, and appreciation and recognition processes. This position will also support the administrative functions aligned with Housing Operations.

- Ethan Therrien (he/him), Therapist

Ethan was contracted last semester part time, and now works as a full-time therapist. He most recently has experience in providing crisis work/support in the local community and has a long history of providing behavioral and emotional support in residential and treatment settings. He is our first male identifying full-time therapist in over 6 years.

- Samia Abbass (she/they), Therapist

Samia is the second new full-time therapist and will start providing student support on March 14. Samia is a self-identified person of color and represents her clinical work as community centered and based on liberation, and brings experience and commitment to restorative justice practices. She will be spending some of her time focused on outreach and programming support for the health and wellness of all intersecting identities on campus.

- Diane Perry (she/her), Health Center Administrative Assistant

Diane will be greeting you as you come into the Health Center. This is her first week. Once she is trained and onboarded, she will become another important resource for students navigating insurance questions/issues and a general access point for support from Health and Psych Services.

Psy Services On-call Improvements:

Psy Services are working to launch a totally independent on-call phone number that gives students direct access to immediate mental health support. We will share this number with you once there are final technical improvements that will prevent a call from going to voicemail or being missed because of service issues. For now, you can continue to call Campus Safety and the dispatcher will do a warm transfer. In other words, when students reach out for the on-call therapist, they will not have to hang up in the effort to get connected, but will be transferred directly to the therapist on call.

Accessing Psy Services:

Please continue to refer students who are interested/in need of therapeutic support to psychservices@bennington.edu for triage and referral and/or to timelycare.com/bennington. There are drop in spaces available every weekday from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Triage appointments, drop-in hours, crisis support, timely care services, and group spaces all remain totally free of charge and available to all students; ongoing individual therapy continues to work with individual insurance with the option of submitting the waiver form to reduce costs as needed.

Future of Mental Health and Wellbeing at Bennington:

We continue to work with Dr. Michael Cohen's research team. We just received preliminary recommendations of a new model for services and approach to integrating and improving overall health and wellness on campus that will likely officially begin in Fall 2022. If you are interested in participating in a student advisory board on this topic, keep a look out or connect with Dr. Ali Tartaglia as we want/need student partnership at every stage of the creation of this new approach.

Career Development and Field Work Term

Drop-In Hours:

Tuesdays 11:00 am to 2:00 pm EST

Wednesdays 11:00 am to 2:00 pm EST

Fridays 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm EST

Winter FWT Ended on Friday, February 11

The following was Due Feb. 11

- Reflective Assignment (link sent to you via Handshake,) updated Handshake Profile and Resume [resume guide](#)
- Remind your supervisor to submit the employer evaluation. (not applicable for PTO)
- [Timesheet form](#) – Submit Timesheets, Training Logs, and PTO documentation of work
- Required only for supplemental hours and professional training option hours

FWT Stipend & Fellowship Recipients: If you received an FWT Fellowship or Stipend, please submit your receipts.

FWT Fellowship Spotlight, Thursday February 24th 6pm –8pm EST

This Field Work Term Fellowship Spotlight event is a chance for the community to come together to celebrate the work and achievements of the Bennington student body over Field Work Term. This year we will hear from over 20 students who have participated in the following FWT Fellowships: Mellon Foundation Food Insecurity & Population Health, Newman & Cox Public Action Student, Iftekhar Entrepreneurship, and Henry Luce Foundation Fellowship. This year, due to COVID-19, the event will be held virtually via Zoom. We encourage all members of the Bennington community to attend. If you have questions, please contact fwt@bennington.edu.

Career Development and FWT Office – Welcome Back Students

Join us at Barn 112 on Friday, February 25 (all day) to meet the FWT team and ask

any questions or share your FWT experiences from winter term. The office will have candy and treats available for all.--

Student Health Promotion

BENNINGTON COLLEGE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER GROUP SCHEDULE SPRING 2022

BALANCING AND PROCESSING DIFFICULT EMOTIONS, STRESS, AND TRAUMA **TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. ON ZOOM WITH LISA CARTON [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/8023795456](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8023795456)**

LEARN AND CHOOSE FROM A SPECTRUM OF TECHNIQUES FOR TRANSFORMING PAINFUL EXPERIENCES INTO A VIBRANT AND JOYFUL LIFE. TOGETHER WE WILL LEARN AND PRACTICE SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE (AND VERY POWERFUL!) WAYS TO WORK WITH EVERYTHING ARISING NOW. THINK OF EACH OF US AS ENERGETIC "STORE-HOUSES", AND LET'S "REGENERATE" OUR ENERGY AND PUT IT RIGHT INTO CREATING OUR HEART'S DESIRES!

THIS ONGOING GROUP WILL OFFER A VARIETY OF EASTERN AND WESTERN STRATEGIES INCLUDING COMPONENTS OF EMDR, QIGONG, ENERGY MEDICINE YOGA, EFT, AND CREATIVE VISUALIZATION. NO EXPERIENCE IN ANY IS REQUIRED, AND IF YOU'RE CURIOUS THIS IS THE PERFECT SPACE TO START.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION **WEDNESDAYS AT 9:00 ON JOIN ZOOM MEETING** **ID: 99079887458** **PASSWORD: 340246**

START YOUR DAY AND GROUND YOUR WEEK WITH A MINDFULNESS BASED MEDITATION PRACTICE. DROP IN OR REGULAR PARTICIPATION WELCOME.

SEXUAL TRAUMA SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP **TUESDAYS, 7PM** HEALTH CENTER WAITING ROOM, WITH ALI TARTAGLIA

DBT, ETC.: SKILLS FOR COPING, CONNECTING, AND CREATING THE LIFE YOU WANT TO LIVE

SATURDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER WITH KAT DALEY
BROKEN UP INTO SKILL BASED DISCUSSION SESSIONS APPLIED TO OUR WEEK TO WEEK EXPERIENCES WITH PRACTICAL TOOLS TO TAKE WITH YOU AND PRACTICE IN BETWEEN. FOCUSES ON MINDFULNESS, INTERPERSONAL/RELATIONSHIPS, TOLERATING DISTRESS, AND EMOTIONAL REGULATION.

SUBSTANCE USE AFFECTS US ALL! **SUNDAYS AT 2:00 P.M. ON ZOOM WITH LISA CARTON [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/8023795456](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8023795456)** WHETHER YOU IDENTIFY AS BEING IN RECOVERY, ARE EXPLORING USE OPTIONS INCLUDING ABSTINENCE, OR ARE STRUGGLING WITH A FRIEND/PARTNER/FAMILY MEMBER/ROOMMATE WHO'S HAVING ISSUES WITH ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE USE, THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO POP INTO AND LISTEN AND SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS LEARN HELPFUL RESOURCES.

LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY BUILDING **WEDNESDAYS, 7:00PM ON ZOOM WITH LISA CARTON [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/8023795456](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8023795456)** EVERYONE KNOWS BENNINGTON IS SOOO QUEER... HERE'S A SPACE TO CHAT ABOUT ALL OF YOUR EXPERIENCES OF IT. SUPPORTIVE TIME TO EXPLORE ANY AND ALL SEXUALITY AND GENDER ISSUES, AS WELL AS LOOK AT POSSIBILITIES FOR CAMPUS LIFE THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CHRONICALLY ILL AND DISABLED STUDENTS **SUNDAY, 7:00PM** LIBRARY, 3RD FLOOR WITH ALI TARTAGLIA

FOOD AND BODY IMAGE **SUNDAY, 1PM [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/8023795456](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8023795456)** PLEASE JOIN US TO EXPLORE OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH FOOD AND OUR BODIES AND HOPEFULLY HAVE SOME FUN DOING IT. CO-LED BY LISA CARTON AND PENNY OWEN

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TO COLLEGEWEEK@BENNINGTON.EDU BY MONDAY AT NOON
FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEK.**